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MAHATHIR URGES PEOPLE TO SUPPORT POLICE

KUALA LUMPUR, May 6 (Bernama) -- The Prime Minister has once again stressed the need for the public to support the police and other law enforcement authorities.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said people should inform the authorities of any information they have, and be willing to testify, about criminal activities in their area.

"In Malaysia, many people refuse to come forward as a witness and this makes it difficult to curb crimes," he said in his speech at the Malaysian Crime Prevention Foundation dinner.

Dr Mahathir is the patron of the foundation.

Also present were Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, who is the foundation's chairman.

Dr Mahathir later received contributions totalling nearly two million ringgit to the foundation, mainly from leading corporate groups like Petronas, Resort World Berhad, Arab-Malaysian group and UMW Holdings Berhad.

The money would be used by the foundation to implement crime prevention and rehabilitation activities.

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